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## BECAUSE YOU PROVIDED FOR OUR NEW LIBRARY, A CULTURE OF READING IS BEING ESTABLISHED AT JHHH!

We are so grateful for everyone of you who donated funds to the Mercy Foundation to construct this state of the art library! We are also thankful to Books are the Beginning Ministry for not only collecting and shipping over 4800 books, but bringing a team to JHHH to set up the library and train our staff and kids on how to utilize it.

Peter Njao, Kenyan Director of the House of Hope, also wishes to express his gratitude. He writes, "The children are enjoying reading the books! Some have finished more than 22 different title books, most between 8 and 20 and the little ones have read between 3 and 7 books. They are giving teachers a hard time to manage them. I gave them a test to see whether they are understanding what they are reading, and they all passed very well. Even the little ones can tell the stories of pictures. **Thank you very much for this special living gift that will transform the lives of many of these poor children, who could not have ever accessed this wealth of knowledge, maybe in their lifetime. May God bless all those who gave out of love to support this project.**"



In Africa, books are prevalent only for the elite and those in higher institutions, not for the "least of these." JHHH was founded for "the least of these." As a result of this library, our children will be far ahead of most kids when they begin secondary school. **In the words of Dick Omondi, the JESUS. Hobbs School Head Master, "A reading culture is what we are developing in this school and children's home."** Under his leadership, the children and staff will be reading all the books. He promised, "next year they will be worn out!" These candid photos below capture the children's obvious love of reading, even on swing sets and slides!





# SUMMER 2015 MISSION TRIP REPORT



We were blessed to have several teams visit the House of Hope this summer. June 10-20, Kymberli Sentner and Emily Blake joined Kristi Hobbs at JHHH. They enjoyed playing with the kids and helping the staff with their duties. Kymberli got to meet her sponsored child, John Kamau, which was a blessing to both! On June 20 Martha Buford and Tracie Carr, along with the BATB team of Mike and Mary Thrasher, Alan and Bonita Fyke, Teresa Wybark and Jaci Garrett arrived to set up our library.



A team from Alamo City Church, which was ministering with AHKI ministries, came for the weekend. They played with the kids and assembled our new basketball goal donated by Sarah Kendrick. Lee Towell and son, RJ, along with friend, Cecilia, joined the team on June 24. It was a wonderful summer as the teams worked, played and ministered to the children and staff of JHHH. Until next year!



## FUNDS SENT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF JHHH'S NEW DORM!

Last month we were informed by our Kenyan Engineers that "dorm construction can be done in phases, but it makes logistical sense to raise at least 1/2 of the foundation funds before we start, to avoid repetitive abortive works." **We are blessed to announce that 3/4 of the total cost of the foundation has been donated. We can now begin!**

As previously reported, building a new dorm will achieve our mission of rescuing more children as well as our goal of becoming self-sustained within the next two years, through the fees paid by families of boarding students.

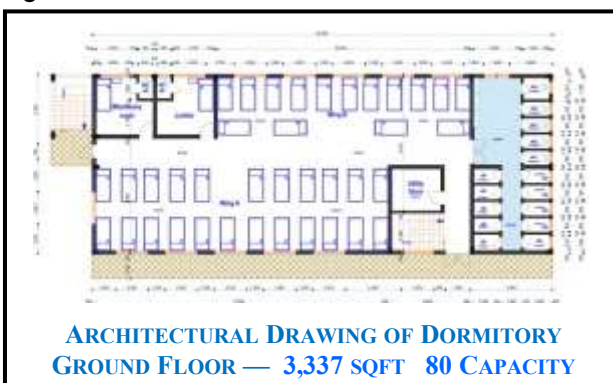
We are grateful to all who have given thus far! If you feel led to give towards the balance of Phase 1, you can mail a check to the address below or donate online at [www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org](http://www.alamocitymercyfoundation.org). All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you so much for helping us achieve our mission of taking care of 'the least, the last and the lost.'

**DORMITORY PHASE 1 (OF 4)**  
**BALANCE NEEDED: \$16,259**  
 (see breakdown below)

**Substructure (Foundation): \$16,259**  
 (\$48,775 out of \$65,034 already given)

**Preliminaries, Fees & Labor: \$10,239**  
 (installment 1 of 3) **PAID IN FULL!**

**TOTAL COST REMAINING:**  
**\$133,611 (OUT OF \$192,625)**



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